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In re Application of: J. MARTINEZ et al.

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For: GROWTH HORMONE SECRETAGOGUES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file of this application before examination thereof.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Appendix A includes a marked up version of the amendments to the specification. Before page 1, line 4 of the application, please add the following paragraph:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority to U.S. provisional application nos. 60/234,928, filed September 26, 2000, now pending, and 60/211,326, filed June 13, 2000, now pending. The entire disclosure of each prior provisional application is incorporated herein by reference thereto.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending for the Examiner's review and consideration. A proper claim for priority has been added to the specification by this amendment.